

Bernalillo County



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UPCOMING EVENTS

East Mountain Dog Park Opening
November 17 @ 1pm
Vista Grande Community Center
#15 La Madera Road
Sandia Park, NM

**1st Annual United Way
Bernco Holiday Mercado**
Friday, December 7 @ 11 - 7
415 Tijeras NW, 1st Floor

Bernalillo County Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22 &
Friday, November 23

Christmas
Monday, December 24 &
Tuesday, December 25

Bernalillo County Extension Office Classes

Thursday, November 8
Getting Organized for the Holiday's &
Baking ahead

Wednesday, November 28
Holiday Extravaganza 10am and 6pm
December 5, 6 and 11
Tamale Making

Class sizes are limited, please register by calling 243-1386. All classes are held at the BC Cooperative Extension Services, 4H building at 1500 Menaul NW and the cost is \$10 per class.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

BOARD OF FINANCE

Tuesday, November 13 @ 4:30 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE

Tuesday, November 13 @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 27 @ 5:30 pm

ZONING

Tuesday, November 27 @ 3:00 pm

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

1st Wednesday of each month 9am

Meetings are held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of the City/County Government Building



Neighborhood Newsletter
Volume III, Issue 11, November 2012

CONNECT Pilot Loan Program for Water Services Connection Started Nov.1

Bernalillo County is offering a new service to assist residents on well water systems who have poor quality drinking water. The CONNECT pilot loan program helps residents with financing the cost of connecting their homes to municipal water lines.

Starting Nov. 1, the CONNECT water loan program has been available to homeowners throughout the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County whose properties are on well water systems where the ground water quality does not meet federally-mandated primary drinking water standards. To connect, residents must have Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) service lines available at the street in front of their house. There are no other eligibility criteria.

"I asked Bernalillo County staff to create this new program because I want to ensure that as many county residents as possible have access to clean, safe drinking water," says Commissioner Wayne Johnson. "I sincerely hope that all eligible residents consider participating in this program."

CONNECT loans are made from the county to the resident in the form of direct payment to contractors and for various connection fees. Through CONNECT, homeowners will be able to apply for a 10-year, seven percent, interest rate loan that is repaid to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. The re-payment will be billed directly through the ABCWUA water bill.

To begin the loan application process, residents can call the Bernalillo County Water Resources Program office at 848-1524 to set up an appointment. Residents will need to provide proof of property ownership or a copy of their property tax assessment. Staff will assist them with the application process and answer any questions that they may have.

More information is available online at www.bernco.gov/CONNECT.

Small Business Summit

Bernalillo County's economic development team is sponsoring another free small business summit Wednesday, November 14th, featuring business planning, education and information about accessing the Bernalillo County Revolving Loan Fund.

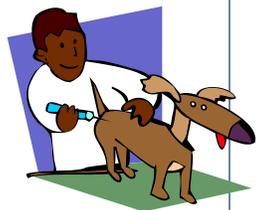
The Increment of 1 Initiative workshop is scheduled for the Monzano Multi-Generational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, in Albuquerque from 10:30 am – 1pm. Small business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend the free classes and learn more about accessing capital and other sources of support from business development experts on hand. The following panelists will be participating in the summit:

Cathy Sorenson, Loan Fund | Trish Abbin, South Valley SBDC | Gwen Lewis, Not Just Payroll | Randy Trask, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Trade Alliance | Toni Balzano, ImPRonta PR | Anna Muller, Neda Business Consultants, Inc.

For more information please contact Marcos Gonzales at (505) 468-1383 or e-mail maagonza-les@bernco.gov

Free Spay/Neuter Clinic For Dogs and Cats

Bernalillo County Animal Care Services and New Mexico Dogs Deserve Better join with the Santa Fe Animal Shelter and Humane Society for a free spay/neuter clinic on **Nov. 9-11 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



The Santa Fe Animal Shelter and Humane Society will bring its mobile spay/neuter van to the Bernalillo County Animal Care Services office at 1136 Gatewood SW in Albuquerque.

To schedule an appointment, call (505) 975-5935; space is limited-you MUST schedule an appointment.

NOTE: You must be a resident of unincorporated Bernalillo County

Need Assistance or Resources?

Call Neighborhood Coordination: Bernadette Miera 468-1279 or 974-5578 (cell); Sherry Gutierrez 468-7247

America Recycles Day 11.15.12

One day to educate. One day to motivate. One day to make recycling bigger and better 365 days a year.

America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful, is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Get Involved!

Reducing is just as important as recycling. Looking for a way to do your part?

Stop receiving unwanted mail by unsubscribing through Catalog Choice <https://americarecyclesday.catalogchoice.org/>

15 Steps to Renew Your Commitment to Recycling:

Did You Know....

1. **Half is better than none.**—You may not be able to recycle your whole pizza box, but in most communities you can tear off the top (as long as it's grease free) and put it in your recycling bin.
2. **You bet your bottle tops you can recycle them.**— The caps on your plastic bottles are recyclable, too. Empty your bottle, replace the cap, recycle.
3. **Plastic bag and film recycling: more than grocery bags.**— Along with plastic grocery bags, recycle the bags from your dry-cleaning, bread, and newspaper. Remember to take clean, dry bags to recycling centers or retailers with plastic bag recycling bins.
4. **A trick up your sleeve.**—Paper cups aren't always recyclable because of the wax lining, but don't forget to recycle the cardboard sleeve!
5. **Look beyond the daily paper.**—According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, paper and cardboard are America's most recycled materials by weight. In addition to newspaper, most communities accept corrugated cardboard as well as cereal and tissue boxes. Some accept mail, catalogues, and phone books.

Make Recycling A Habit:

6. **Close the Loop.**—The recycling process doesn't stop at the bin! After materials are processed and back on the shelf as new items, it is up to you to buy recycled products. Look for products and packaging with recycled content (and efficient packaging) to do your part as a recycling-conscious consumer.
7. **Recycle on the go.**—Keep two bags in your car—one for trash, and one for recyclables. Pre-sorting makes it easier to transfer your recyclable into a recycling bin once you've reached your destination.
8. **Recycling: It's not just in the kitchen.**—Don't trash your detergent and shampoo bottles just because you don't have a bin in your bathroom or laundry room! Keep a plastic bag for collecting recyclables under the sink or take a few extra steps to put your empty bottles in the recycling bin.
9. **Reduce and Reuse.**— Minimizing the trash we generate and reusing products reduces our impact on the planet and our resources. For example, consider reusing that plastic bag. Also reduce unwanted mail by unsubscribing at CatalogChoice.org.
10. **Know your limits.**— Putting materials in your recycling bin that aren't collected in our community contaminates the recycling process and creates extra work for recycling facility employees. To recycle items that your local program does not collect, check AmericaRecyclesDay.org to find where they may be recycled in your community.

Actions You Can Take Now:

11. **Can it!** - Metals are among the most valuable materials in the recycling stream. Aluminum and steel cans are always welcomed by recyclers, and most metals can be recycled again and again and again.
12. **Answer the call to recycle your wireless phone!** - More than 100 million cell phone retire each year to sit in your drawers or closets, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Do you have out-of-use phones in your home? Consider donating them to a local charity or visit AmericaRecyclesDay.org to find a recycler.
13. **Recycling: don't exclude your food!** - Start composting your food waste. If you aren't quite ready for a compost bin or pile, consider tossing a few biodegradable items into your garden or window boxes instead of the trash. Egg shells and coffee grounds enrich soil and break down easily.
14. **Do your Homework**—Different communities collect different materials for recycling. Visit AmericaRecyclesDay.org to find what is recycled in your community.
15. **Spread the word.**— Now that you're an expert recycler, consider hosting an educational recycling event in your community. See AmericaRecyclesDay.org/toolkit for ideas and helpful downloadables.

Bernalillo County Boards and Commissions

Bernalillo County has many Boards and Commissions on which you can volunteer to be a part and make a difference in your community!



- ◆ Air Quality Control Board
- ◆ Arts Board
- ◆ Audit Committee
- ◆ Bernalillo County Community Health Council
- ◆ Board of Registration
- ◆ Code of Conduct
- ◆ County Fire Code Board of Appeals
- ◆ County Planning Commission
- ◆ DWI Planning Council
- ◆ Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee
- ◆ Labor Relations Board
- ◆ Library Board
- ◆ Older Americans Advisory Council
- ◆ Public Safety Advisory Board
- ◆ Public Works Selection Advisory Board
- ◆ Senior Affairs Advisory Board
- ◆ Uniform Building Code Board of Appeals
- ◆ UNMH Clinical Sciences Board
- ◆ Valuation Protest Board
- ◆ Water Protection Advisory Board

For more information on the boards and commissions listed please go to <http://www.bernco.gov/Boards-Commissions/>.

If you are interested in serving on any of these Boards and Commissions please complete the on-line application http://www.bernco.gov/survey/?p_survey=144855 and submit your resume along with your letter of interest via e-mail to csgilman@bernco.gov or mail to Bernalillo County Managers office, c/o Boards and Commissions, One Civic Plaza NW, Suite 10111, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

Traditional Hispanic Art by Children

Bernalillo County invites the public to visit a new exhibit featuring traditional Hispanic art by children in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The exhibit, located on the 10th floor of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center, features the work of more than 100 student artists from the county's afterschool programs at the Raymond G. Sanchez and Los Vecinos Community Centers and Rudolfo Anaya Elementary School. Pieces include painted "retablos"—many of which represent saints, tin art, and intricately punched paper designs known as "papel picado."



The exhibit is free. The art opening was held Oct. 17. The exhibit is open to the public and continues through the end of the year. Commissioners Maggie Hart Stebbins and Art De La Cruz are co-sponsors of the exhibit.

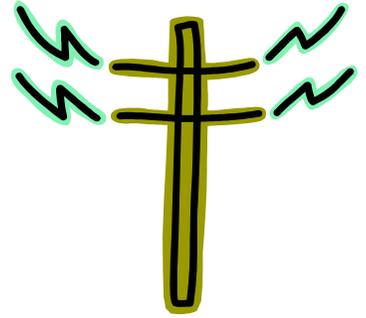
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION Project Updates

Fiber-optic Cable Installation Project

Bernalillo County is installing thousands of feet of fiber-optic cable to establish its own infrastructure for voice and data communications. The fiber-optic cable provides a greater bandwidth to carry digital information. For the purposes of the Alameda Adaptive Signal System project, the data transfer will happen in real time, allowing the entire system to more efficiently communicate and adjust the traffic signals for improved traffic flow.

Installation locations and associated costs:

1. Alameda Boulevard from South Rio Grande Boulevard to the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center on 4th Street | \$211,000
2. Paseo Del Norte from Fire Station Number 35 to the 911 Call Center on Holly | \$78,000
3. Arenal Road from Isleta Boulevard and Goff to Tapia Road and from the Rio Grande High School fitness center to Arenal Road | \$120,000
4. Broadway from Public Works Offices to the Fire Station on Prince Street and then down to the Fire Training Center on Prosperity Avenue and Broadway Boulevard and Mountain View Community Center | New Project, Amount to be determined.



Alameda Adaptive Signal System

The project includes the installation of an adaptive signal control system along Alameda Boulevard between Loretta Drive and 2nd Street at the seven major intersections: 2nd Street, 4th Street, Guadalupe Trail northbound, Guadalupe Trail southbound, Thomas, Rio Grande South and Loretta. Video detection cameras will be installed to collect information for the adaptive system at the seven intersections. With the cameras, the system will collect real time traffic flow information and use it to optimize the signal timing on an as needed basis throughout the day. Peak hour traffic flow will be improved by adjusting the green times along Alameda Boulevard to improve overall traffic flow while not significantly increasing the wait times on the side streets. The soon-to-be installed fiber-optic communication system will provide high bandwidth data flow between the signals and back to the county's Traffic Operations Office.

Anticipated project start date is in mid-November and will take four months to complete.

This system is the first of its kind in Bernalillo County. It is 100 percent funded by Bernalillo County.

Bosque Trail Improvements

Bernalillo County Public Works will be rehabilitating approximately five miles of the Bosque Trail from Bridge Boulevard south to the South Diversion Channel. Originally, the trail segment was constructed by the county in 1998 and it now needs significant upgrades.

The project will eliminate pavement cracks and heaving on the trail corridor by replacing sections of pavement. In addition to pavement replacement, the project includes some pavement overlay, added benches, some minor realignment of the trail to avoid erosion problems, improvement of gate access locations, and monitoring stations.

Also included are additional signage and improved connections to nearby facilities.

The project will cost about \$1.1 million and is 75 percent federally funded and 25 percent funded by the county. Construction should take approximately three months and is expected to begin late this month.

For more information about all of these projects, please visit bernco.gov/projects.

Durand Open Space

Beginning in November and extending through the winter months, Bernalillo County Open Space will construct several improvements at the Durand Open Space (4812 Isleta Blvd.) based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Planning Report and Recommendations for the Durand Open Space. Improvements will include the extension of a crusher fine trail around the south field; installation of a shade structure, tables, benches and two wooden sculptures; delineation of passenger vehicles, horse trailer and ADA parking spaces; planting of native trees, shrubs and grasses; and improved access to the bosque. While the parking area may be closed for brief periods, pedestrian access from Isleta Blvd. will remain open to the property's trails and the bosque.

North Valley Bike Park at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center

Bernalillo County's North Valley Bike Park at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center at 9800 4th Street NW is a great place to practice your BMX and mountain biking skills all year around. It's open whenever it's light outside and features seven areas for you to enjoy. There are also benches, shade, and picnic tables for those who choose to just watch and relax. Vehicle access to the 2.3 acre site is available at the south entrance of the community center. Bikers must wear a helmet with a buckled chin strap. This facility is not supervised so please use the park at your own risk.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Functional Textile Art Show

Please join Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins for the next District 3 Art Show featuring an exhibit of hand-printed linens by Kei Tsuzuki and Molly Luethi. This show is the 22nd in a series of exhibits showcasing the talent and creativity of District 3 artists.

Kei Tsuzuki and Molly Luethi are two friends, mothers, and printers. They founded Kei & Molly Textiles, LLC in 2010 as a printing studio dedicated to creating artisan-quality, hand-printed fabric goods. They design all their images themselves, often inspired by what they see in New Mexico as well as by their individual backgrounds -- Kei is Japanese but grew up in Montréal; Molly is Swiss American with a Japanese husband. Their product line includes kitchen linens and home & fashion accessories.



They both bring a lifetime of experience to this new venture. Kei has printed for designers such as Jonathan Adler and Denyse Schmidt, and has shown products at the New York International Gift Fair. Molly's international background brings a global perspective to her designs and sensibility. She has been a dedicated educator for over 20 years and speaks five languages.

Their store/studio is located at 5321 Acoma Rd. SE, near the intersection of Central and San Mateo and in the heart of District 3.

We invite you to an opening reception on **Wednesday, November 7, from 5-6:30 p.m. on the 10th Floor of One Civic, Suite 10111.**

Fall 2012 Open Space Events

We have a number of events this month and opportunities to give your feedback about the types of workshops we offer. We value your opinion and hope you will chime in during the End of Year Celebration at Bachechi Open Space so that we can incorporate your suggestions in 2013.

To register for the following events, please call 505-314-0398 or e-mail to calangan@bernco.gov

Advanced Composting-November 10 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House

This final composting workshop will cover how to increase yield, efficiency, and general troubleshooting. This workshop is led by Master Composters.

Hoop House Covering-November 10 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House

Last month, workshop participants constructed the frame for a hoop house to extend the growing season, which allows us to grow more food for the Roadrunner Food Bank. We are putting on the final touches this November 10 by installing the plastic cover. Please RSVP if you would like to help with this part of the hoop house construction.

Interpretive Walk and Native Planting-November 10 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Pajarito Open Space

Bernalillo County Open Space and the Pajarito Neighborhood Association invite the public to Pajarito Open Space to learn about the history of the area and plant native vegetation, creating wildlife habitats.

Guided Bird Walk-November 11 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space

Bachechi attracts a variety of birds due to a large range of microhabitats throughout the property. We will look for migrating fowl, songbirds and raptors.

Master Naturalist Poster Presentation and End of Year Celebration-November 16 from 5 -7:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space

From 5 - 6 p.m., we will start the evening with a celebration for the end of the Naturalist Series and other activities at Bachechi Open Space, which has been open for just one year. During the celebration, we will present the past year's activities and opportunities at the property, as well as solicit ideas from participants for 2013 workshops and events. We will also hear from the featured photographer at the Environmental Education Building, Ariel Ives. Refreshment will be provided.

The second part of the evening will include the Master Naturalist Poster Presentation from 6-7:30 p.m. The Master Naturalist Program aims to instill the pursuit of life-long learning and promote environmental stewardship. Participants who attended the 2011 training have been actively working on a 40 hour service project dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources. This poster presentation is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the program and support these dedicated volunteers.

Families Exploring the Wonders of Nature-December 1 from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space

Bernalillo County Open Space and The New Mexico Wonder of Learning Collaborative will be presenting this two-part workshop geared toward families. The workshop will provide parents and guardians of young children with tools for deepening experiences in nature and fostering the desire to explore. This workshop is free; however, space is limited to 25 adults. The first workshop is for adults only and the second day (March 2, 2013) is for the whole family.



For more information and to register for the following events, please call **505-314-0398** or e-mail to calangan@bernco.gov